

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 28, 2019
TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Senate Office Building, Education, Health, &
Environmental Affairs Committee Room
11 Bladen Street, Second Floor
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. HealthChoice Quality Assurance Activities Report – (Jill Spector, Director of HealthChoice and Acute Care Administration)
- III. The 2020 Budget Presentation– (Jennifer McILvaine, Medical Care Programs, Office of Finance)
- IV. Medicaid Legislative Update (Chris Coats, Health Policy Analyst Advanced)
- V. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Adjournment

Date and Location of Next Meeting:

Monday, February 25, 2019

**Senate Office Building, Education, Health, & Environmental Affairs Committee Room
11 Bladen Street, Second Floor
Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

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Committee members are asked to contact staff if unable to attend!

MMAC MINUTES
November 29, 2018

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mr. Eric Adler
Ms. Donna Forsyth
Winifred Booker, D.D.S.
Mr. Michael Spurrier
Mr. Ben Steffen
Ms. Isabella Firth
Ms. Linda Dietsch
Ms. Shel Phillips
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
The Hon. Joseline Pena-Melnyk
Shannon Hall, M.D.
Mr. Vincent DeMarco
Adetju Ogunrinde, M.D.
Ms. Kerry Lessard
Ms. Sue Phelps
Ms. Karen Williams
Mr. Floyd Hartley
Ms. Carmel Roques

Call to Order and Approval to Minutes

Ms. Vickie Walters, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:05 p.m., noting the WebEx option available to MMAC members for call-in purposes for this meeting. Committee members approved the minutes from the October Meeting as written, with one correction. The data of the meeting was incorrect on the previous Agenda minutes.

Departmental Report

Mr. Dennis Schrader, COO and Medicaid Director, informed the Committee about the opportunity for board members to participate by WebEx and phone. We would appreciate if members come in for half of the meetings, but this phone option, will help us recruit members from more rural parts of the state. Staff will be in touch with the Members and interested parties on how this will move forward. Moreover, the option will be beneficial during the holiday meetings moving forward. Moving forward, would like these meetings to be more in line with the Statute dictating our rules, and that is why we have begun looking for several new members for the next cycle. Ms. Kerri Lessard, current MMAC member, will be helping us recruit a new member that qualifies for the Indian Health Services Organization representative requirement.

Maryland Citizen's Health Initiative Legislative

Vincent Demarco, discussed Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative' two legislative proposals for the upcoming 2019 Maryland General Assembly session. (*Please see the attached Presentation*).

Proposal A - Health Insurance Down Payment Plan: This bill is in response to the Federal Tax Law ending federal enforcement of the individual mandate, which may cause thousands to voluntarily disenroll or fail to enroll in Medicaid and CHIP. In our estimates, we believe that 50,000 people in Maryland, otherwise eligible for Medicaid and not enrolled, would be captured and identified by this proposal. Many of these individuals are "young and healthy," the key demographic we need in the healthcare system to keep premiums low. When polling this proposal, we found broad support across the state in all key demographics and political affiliations.

Proposal B - Prescription Drug Affordability: Our lead sponsors are Delegate Pena-Melnyk and Senator Kathy Klausmeier. This bill will build upon the bill we successfully passed last year banning gag rules that barred pharmacists from discussing the lowest drug prices with consumers. The proposal would create a Prescription Drug Affordability Board that would sit five members - one appointed by each of the Governor's office, Senate President, House Speaker, Attorney General, and a combined House/Senate appointment. This Board would examine the upper limit cost Marylanders would pay for certain prescription drugs. The Board would have to look at drug if a brand-name drug is increased by more than \$3,000 or generic drug by \$300 or if a new brand-name drug hits the market with a cost of more than \$3,000. No other state has a program like this and Maryland would be leading the vanguard in regards to prescription drug price accountability. Delegate Pena-Melnyk notes that the Attorney General has provided her with a guidance letter attesting to the constitutionality of this proposal.

LTSS Presentation

Eric Saber, Special Projects and Budget Manager, discussed the LTSSMaryland system and the features being updated for future implementation, as well as projects on the horizon. (*Please see attached Presentation*).

SPA/Waiver/Regulation Report

Mark Leeds, Director, Long Term Services and Support Administration, discussed the updates to the State Plan Amendments and Regulations:

State Plan Amendments (SPAs)

Everything on the list is completed, except Family Planning (formal request for additional information) and the Audiology services Amendment is still within the initial 90 day review period. (*Please see November SPA chart emailed with the November MMAC Agenda for any questions*).

Waiver

There are no waivers currently before CMS.

Regulations

The Dental Services regulation has been sent to ALR and is scheduled for printing and public comments. Moreover, two chapters of proposed Regulations have been scheduled for final printing in the register. In regards to specialty mental health services, two regulations have been approved thus far. (*Please see November Regulations Report emailed with the November MMAC Agenda for any questions*).

Public Comment:

None.